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1. The reply filed on 07/14/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the remarks do not point out why the added claim 59 is patentable in view of the prior art of rejection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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